

# YARD & FOOD WASTE

All of these items can go in your yard and food cart.

Yard & food waste collection is available by subscription. For more information or to sign up, please call 1-800-592-9995.



Food Scraps



Yard Trimmings



Food-Soiled Paper

## KEEP OUT of Your Yard & Food Waste

- ▲ Plastic bags
- ▲ Fats, oils or grease
- ▲ Diapers
- ▲ Pet waste
- ▲ Liquids
- ▲ Glass
- ▲ Metal
- ▲ Garden hoses

## Compost Tips:

- In your kitchen, gather food scraps in a colander or strainer, reusable container with a lid or a paper bag.
- Empty into your outdoor yard/food cart frequently.
- Layer food scraps with yard waste or newspaper to absorb liquids.

## Extra Yard Waste:

There is a charge for extra yard waste that doesn't fit in your container with the lid closed.

- Put extra yard waste only in:
- Cans with handles (32 gal., 65 lb. limit)
  - Label cans "Yard"
  - Bundle tied with twine (4'x2' limit)
  - Paper leaf bags

# RECYCLING

Please do not bag. Place these loose items in your recycling cart. Recyclables should be empty, clean & loose.



Plastic Bottles, Jugs & Tubs



Food & Beverage Cans



Paper



Flattened Cardboard & Paperboard



Glass Bottles & Containers

## Extra Recycling

You can set out extra recycling on collection day for a charge. Set out extras in a 32-gallon personal can labeled "Recycle" or cardboard boxes (limit 2'x2'x2').

Everything you put in your recycling cart should be:

## Empty, Clean, Loose

- Give food containers a quick rinse.
- Ensure items are empty and dry from liquids.
- Keep recyclables out of bags and boxes.

Materials placed in a plastic bag cannot be sorted at the recycle center and do not get recycled.

## KEEP OUT of Your Recycling

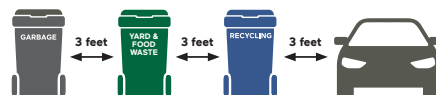
- ▲ Foam cups or packaging
- ▲ Yard/food waste
- ▲ Shredded paper
- ▲ Light bulbs or Fluorescent tubes
- ▲ Hazardous waste
- ▲ Medical waste
- ▲ Syringes
- ▲ Batteries
- ▲ Sharp metal
- ▲ Diapers
- ▲ Liquids
- ▲ Fuel tanks
- ▲ Computers + TVs
- ▲ Broken dishes, ceramics or window glass

# COLLECTION GUIDELINES

Please follow these guidelines to ensure collection.

## Place containers at the curb by 6 a.m.

- Place containers at least three (3) feet apart from each other and away from all obstructions such as cars, trees, fences, and mailboxes.
- Place containers with lids opening toward the street.
- Take containers in as soon as possible.



## WHAT DO I DO WITH...?

Some items are not allowed in garbage or recycling.



### Motor Oil

Households may dispose of up to five gallons of motor oil at any of the Skagit County Recycling Sites. Visit [skagitcounty.net](http://skagitcounty.net) for more information.

### Electronics

Recycle electronics, computers, monitors and TVs. [www.recyclewashington.org](http://www.recyclewashington.org)



### Large Appliances

Refrigerators, freezers, dishwashers, clothes washers, dryers, stoves, ranges, furnaces, etc. may be disposed of or recycled at Mt. Vernon Solid Waste facilities. For more information, email: [mvsanitation@ci.mount-vernion.wa.us](mailto:mvsanitation@ci.mount-vernion.wa.us)



### Light Bulbs and Fluorescent Tubes

Visit [www.lightrecycle.org](http://www.lightrecycle.org) to find drop-off locations near you.



### Needles/Syringes

Used needles and syringes are dangerous in garbage and recycling because they can injure residents, collectors, and sorters, as well as spread diseases. Visit [www.skagitcounty.net](http://www.skagitcounty.net) for more information. Search "sharps disposal"



### Household Hazardous Waste

Take hazardous waste including oil-base paint, pesticides, propane tanks, items that contain mercury, automobile fluids and more to a hazardous waste facility. Visit [www.skagitcounty.net/departments/publicworksolidwaste/recyclelocations.htm](http://www.skagitcounty.net/departments/publicworksolidwaste/recyclelocations.htm) for more information and drop-off locations.



# 2023/24 COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Garbage is collected weekly.  Recycling is collected on **blue** weeks.

 **Yard & Food Waste** is collected on weeks with this symbol.  
Collected every other week December through February.

**Holiday Schedule:** Collection delayed one business day if regular collection day falls on **Thanksgiving, Christmas** or **New Year's day**; Thursday collection will be serviced one day early. Friday collection will be serviced on the following Monday. Visit [www.mountvernonwa.gov](http://www.mountvernonwa.gov) and search "garbage and recycle route changes" for the most up-to-date information.

## August 2023

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## January 2024

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## April 2024

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## July 2024

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